**Produce Safety Rule Compliance Assessments Set to Begin** 

## **SEPTEMBER 2019 FOR LARGE FARMS**

Assessments are part of the Texas Department of Agriculture regulatory program related to the Produce Safety Rule, established by the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act to ensure that the minimum requirements of the standards are being implemented.

- Large farms with average food sales of \$500,000 and above\*.
- To schedule an assessment, a Produce Safety Specialist will contact the farm owner up to three days in advance.
- Farms growing covered produce considered "high-risk" such as leafy greens and herbs will receive a higher priority for scheduling.

\*Adjusted for inflation using 2011 as the baseline year for calculating the adjustment.

## **IMPORTANT**

On-farm Consultations may help farms prepare for an Assessment but do not take the place of an Assessment.

Visit our website to learn more about the Produce Safety Rule, the services offered to help prepare farms for an Assessment and to contact a Produce Safety Outreach Specialist near you.

## For more info:

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